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1. As proviously reported, the Cesellschaft Schweiz-Sowjetunion (Swiss-Soviet Priendship Society) planned to declare one of the remaining months of 1951 as "Priendship Henth", during which the Society hoped to spensor a tour of Soviet musicians and athletes within Switzerland. It has now been learned that the month in question was to have been Soptember 1921, but that the plans have been cancelled because Mikolai N. Skebelev, the VOKS representative at the Soviet Legation in Bern, refused to put up the 20,000 Swiss frames necessary to finance the tour. It is believed that the Soviet Legation is unwilling to finance the Cosellschaft Schweiz-Sowjetunion so long as Dr. Konrad Parmer, Otto Schneebeli, and Tr. Machariae Coldberg are members of the managing committee of the Society. It now appears that the decision to replace or. Konrad Tarner, president of the Edrich section of the Society, by Mired Himbelin was not taken at the insistence of Jakob Lochloiter alone, but originated with Skobelev himself. Illiabelin and his wife are described as old-time and thoroughly reliable Communists.

- 2. Basza (Bascha) Freeschel, born 2 August 1898, a bookkeeper by profession, resident at Langensteinenstrasse 4, Edrich, is also scheduled to receive an importa t position as a result of the reorganization of the Edrich section of the Society, **
- On 7 September 1951, the following officials of the Gesellschaft Schweiz-Sowjetunion were scheduled to have a meeting in Lausanne for the purpose of discussing the financial situation of the Society:

Bron, Inu Durlot, Edwin

Morid, Albert, Jr. Muret, André

Woog, Edgar

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Comment: Froeschel has previously been reported as a member of the Control Commission of the Centrale Sanitaire Suisse, auditor of Party funds for the Zürich section of the PdA, and mistress of the Russian national, Dr. Alexander Tscherniak (or Cerniak), who was a professor at the University of Zürich for many years. Tscherniak is reliably reported to have had connections with the Soviet IS in Switzerland during the war. In April 1951, Tscherniak moved from Zürich to Berlin and is now reported to be in the USSR.

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Comment: Despite Skobelev's unwillingness to finance the "Friendship Month", the Soviet Legation does not want the Society to give up its present quarters at Millerstrasse 77, Zürich. that the purpose of the meeting in Lausanne is to discuss how the Soviets may contribute money to the Society without this fact becoming known to the Swiss authorities. of the opinion that the Soviets will not put up any money until they have eliminated from leading positions in the Society persons like Farner whom they no longer trust.

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